

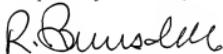
REMARKS

By this paper, claims 1-18 have been canceled and new claims 19-37 have been added, such that claims 19-37 are now pending. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments herein prior to examination of the application and favorable consideration of the pending claims.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediments to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 15th day of June 2006.

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